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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 (ORIGINAL) A digital apparatus for reproducing a digital video representative signal stored on a recorded medium connected to a receiving device including a decoder, said apparatus comprising: means for processing said digital video representative signal stored on the recorded medium to produce at an output a compressed digital video signal bit stream for decoding by
 - a generator generating a status message signal indicative of an operating mode of said apparatus; and,
 - a display message combiner having a first input coupled to said message signal and a second input receiving a video signal decoded from said compressed digital video signal bit stream, said combiner combining said message signal with said video signal for display.
 - 2. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein said status message generator is responsive to a tape timer or time code signal.
 - 3. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein generation of said message data signal by said status message generator is in response to receipt of a user generated command signal.
 - 4. (ORIGINAL) The digital apparatus of claim 3, further comprising an infrared receiver connected to said status message generator for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control unit, said infrared signal controlling the operating mode of said apparatus.
 - 5. (ORIGINAL) A receiving device receiving and decoding compressed digital video signals, said receiver device comprising:
 - a receiving means for receiving and selecting between a first compressed digital video signal from a network source and a second compressed digital video signal and a display message data signal from a local source;
 - a decoder coupled to said receiving means for decoding said selected one of said first and second compressed digital signals to form a video signal;

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8	control means coupled to said receiving means for controlling selection between said
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10	compressed digital video signal, receiving said display message data signal; and
11	means for combining a display message formed from said display message data signal
12	with said video signal decoded from said second compressed digital video signal to generate a
13	combined video signal for display.

- 6. (ORIGINAL) The digital television receiver of claim 5, wherein said second compressed digital television signal is reproduced from a digital recorder.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) The digital television receiver of claim 8, wherein said display message data signal is a recorder status message.
 - 8. (ORIGINAL) The digital television receiver of claim 5, further comprising delay means connected to said control means for delaying transmission of said message data signal to said means for combining.
 - 9. (ORIGINAL) The digital television receiver of claim 5, wherein said receiver selects between said first compressed digital video signal and second compressed digital video signal responsive a user generated command signal.
 - 10. (ORIGINAL) The digital television receiver of claimed in claim 9, further comprising an infrared receiver connected to said control means for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control unit, said infrared signal controlling selection between said first compressed digital video signal and second compressed digital video signal.
 - 11. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a delay element, connected to said status message generator, for delaying transmission of said status message signal to said display message combiner.
 - 12. (NEW) The digital apparatus of claim 11, wherein said delay element provides a delay equal to a decoding time of the decoder to thereby synchronize said message signal with said decoded video signal for display.